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The Judson Association convened with the Oak Hill Church, Saturday before the 2nd Lord's day in September, 1856.

Brother William C. Thomas being absent, the Introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. L. Stovall, from John, 4th-24th, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

The Association then convened: after prayer by Elder William Young, proceeded, with the former Moderator in the Chair. Appointed Elders G. D. Russell and W. J. Thomas to read the letters. Letters from fifteen churches were then read, and their contents minuted. No letter or messengers from Hepzebah church.

The Association organized by electing Elder A. STOVALL, Moderator and W. D. Thomason, Clerk.

Called for Petitionary letters—none presented. Called for Correspondence from sister Associations: brethren E. Smith, T. Belcher and Elder Potter presented minutes from the Chickasaw Association, and were cordially received as corresponding messengers. Elder Murphy, from the Aberdeen Association, and brother C. C. McDaniel, from the Big Hatchie Association, were gladly received.

The Moderator then announced the following committees.

On Devotional Exercises—brethren Benson, Reeves, Tatom, Robertson, with the Pastor and Deacons of Oak Hill church.

On Arrangement—Elders G. C. Johnson, Howel, Andrews and Young, brother Jamison, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Finance—Brethren R. M. Borum, Phillips and R. Pitts.

On Ministerial Gifts—Elder G. D. Russell and bro. C. A. Marshal.

On Education—Brethren J. R. Jamison, S. W. Robertson and R. M. Borum.

State of Religion—Elder William Young, brethren C. Ward and D. Brown.

Home Mission—Elder William J. Thomas, brethren Owen and Benson.

Bible Cause—Elder T. Howel, brethren A. L. Eaves and E. F. Jackson.

Foreign Missions—Elder J. J. Andrews, with brethren C. A. Marshal and R. E. Fowler.

Indian Missions—Elder G. C. Johnson, with brethren W. T. Livingston and R. Johnson.

On Temperance—Elder R. Rice, with brethren S. Reeves and James Carlton.

Sunday Schools—Brethren A. C. Tatom, R. M. Borum and A. Jones.

Documents—Elders J. M. Herrin, S. Gentry and brother Shuffield.

Instruction of Blacks—Elders S. Moon, T. Shelton and J. F. Potter.

Adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

LORD'S DAY.

At an early hour a very large congregation assembled at the stand, who were addressed at 9 o'clock, a. m., by Elder Rodgers, from Luke, 24th, 25-26: "Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have spoken," &c.

At 11 o'clock, a. m., the Missionary sermon by Elder A. L. Stovall, from I. Tim. 3, 15: "The church of the living God, is the pillar and ground of the truth." At 3 o'clock, p. m., by Elder Smith, from Alabama; Text, Rom. 1st, 16—"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ," &c. At night by Elder T. Howell, from Matt. 7th, 13: "Enter ye in at the strait gate," &c. Marked attention and good order pervaded the entire assembly during the exercises.

The collection for Home missions amounted to $28 40.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by brother A. L. Eaves.

1st. Called for the report of the Committee of Arrangements; read, received and adopted,—committee discharged.

2d. The Constitution, Abstract of Principles, and Rules of Decorum were read.

3d. Invited Visiting brethren to seats with us, when Elder Pitts, from the Chickasaw Association, and Elder Bateman, President of the Mary Washington College, of Pontotoc, and Elder E. Smith, of Ala., took seats.

Called for the report on Home missions, read, received, and, after remarks by various brethren, unanimously adopted.

REPORT—The grand object of this mission is to supply the destitute at home; that there is a great destitution within our associational limits is evident. God has devised the means, and Christ and the Apostles have given the plan by which the destitute are to be supplied. "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." This Gospel of truth is committed to the church. To believe the Gospel, and thereby exercise faith in Christ is necessary to salvation. Now brethren "how can they believe on him of whom they have not heard? and how can they hear without a preacher? Christ says, Go, preach the Gospel to every creature. That truth which he has committed unto us (the church) must be preached to the poor and destitute. "It hath pleased God

by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Brethren, how can we feel careless and indifferent while sinners are perishing around us? Many of our countrymen are in the open field of ruin, even our neighbors are wandering in darkness. O brethren, will not the love of Christ constrain us? And should we not be ready and willing to carry out the work assigned us, by contributing liberally of our substance to send the Gospel to the destitute?

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM J. THOMAS, Chairman.

The following pledges were made to the above object, payable next Association:

Hopewell Church	$20 00
Bogachita Church	28 00
Muntaloes Creek Church	15 00
Hickory Grove Church	50 00
Oak Hill Church	46 00
	$159 00

Individual pledges as above,

Elder W. J. Thomas and bro's. Jones, Eeaves and Brown, Uclatubba,	$20 00
Elder J. J. Andrews and bro. J. Owens, Poplar Spring,	10 00
Elder R. Rice and bro's. Benson and Carlton, Rome,	15 00
	$204 00

Called for the report on the Bible cause; read, received, and after remarks appropriate to the subject, adopted. A collection amounting to $12 50 was then taken, to purchase Testaments for gratuitous distribution by the Home missionary. The Executive Board instructed to purchase the books of the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

REPORT.—It is the duty of all persons who have arrived at the years of accountability, to read and meditate upon the word of God; more especially the minister of the Gospel, so that he may be able to understand and expound it in its purity. Every person should have a knowledge of the Bible, for it teaches us the way to the Saviour. We believe it is the duty of the Church to strive to furnish the world with the pure word of God, also to instruct the heathen, so as to enable them to read the scriptures, for therein they learn their duties to God and man. Without this knowledge it would be labor lost to send the missionary to them. We find that wherever the Bible goes that light and knowledge follows, and where it has never been sent superstition and Idolatry prevail.

Finally, we would recommend to the churches to send their contributions to the Southern Bible Board to aid in printing and circulating the Bible, that we may send it to the benighted Heathen; for the Bible alone teaches us how to live that we may get home to that rest that is promised to all the finally faithful.

Respectfully submitted. TILMAN HOWEL, Chairman.

Report on Foreign Missions was read, received, amended and adopted.

Your Committee beg leave to

REPORT—That the magnitude of the interests involved gives importance to the subject confided to us, when we take into consideration the population of the earth as has been estimated at one thousand millions souls, and that of this number, six hundred and fifty millions are Pagan Idolators, one hundred and fifty millions Roman Catholics, sixty millions Greek Catholics, one hundred and seventy millions Mohammadens, and six millions Jews, all of whom are objects of christian missions. Ought not this fact to excite us to greater vigilance in the missionary cause? Whenever these considerations shall be brought to excite their legitimate effects upon the minds and hearts of God's people, then, and not till then, will the work of christian missions be commenced in earnest, not to occupy time in reviewing the gracious providence by which we have been brought to the high degree of civilization which we now enjoy. Let us reflect each for himself on that distinguishing mercy by which we, as well as many of the dearest objects of our affection have been brought into the condition of heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord Jesus Christ, and that command of him, whom we acknowledge as our Lord and Master, which is emphatically his great Command, and that work which is truly the great work of the Church. Brethren, let us remember that those most dear to our hearts, who were once aliens and strangers, without hope and without God, are now rejoicing in the confident expectation of that glory and immortality promised in the blessed gospel. Now, in view of these unspeakable mercies, let us ask our consciences, and our dear dying and risen Redeemer, how much we owe him. Ought we not as Messengers and Churches to be sedulously engaged in sending the bread of life to the perishing millions, who are without the gospel?

All of which is submitted,

J. J. ANDREWS, Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Chickasaw Association—Elders J. J. Andrews, and A. L. Stovall; James Carlton, Charles Ward, and H. C. Jones—Brother Carlton to write.

Bear Creek Association—Elders J. M. Herren and R. Rice—Bro. Rice to write.

Aberdeen Association—Elders J. J. Andrews and G. C. Johnson—Brother R. M. Borum to write.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

After prayer by Elder G. C. Johnson, the Association resumed its business.

Report on the State of Religion, read, received and adopted, as follows:

The Churches are all in peace, and well represented, and our hearts were cheered when we learned that so many of them had been revived. It should be great encouragement to us to know that the Churches composing this Association have so good a state of feeling. There have not been many additions, but they are all alive to a sense of the necessity of a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. We would recommend our Brethren to live humbly, and prayerfully in the sight of God, that He may pour out His spirit upon us; that the grace of God, which is within us, may continue to be more fully developed till the coming of the great day. We notice that there is a spirit of missions in some of our Churches, and it is to be hoped that others, or all of them, will come up to the work with all their hearts, and help liberally with their means.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. YOUNG, Chairman.

The report of the Executive Board was read, received and adopted, as follows:

Agreeably to the expectation of the Association we effected an arrangment with Brother G. C. Russell to travel and preach to the destitute within our limits. Upon reflection Bro. Russell declined, and we were not able to secure the labors of a missionary. We, however, appointed Bro. T. Howel to supply the Macedonia and Shilo Churches, and Bro. Wm. C. Thomas to supply a destitute neighborhood until the Association met. For an account of the amount of their labors we refer you to the subjoined extracts from their reports to us.

We would respectfully recommend that the Association appoint the Executive Board as convenient to each other as possible, as we find it difficult to secure the attendance of a quorum.

We would further say, that the circumstances which surround us call loudly for increased effort upon the part of the Association, to occupy the destitute portions within our limits, with a faithful and energetic missionary of the cross.

We award to Bro. T. Howel for services rendered $47 50, $10 of which is paid by Macedonia Church. To Bro. Wm. C. Thomas $20.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. JACKSON, Chairman.

Bro. Howel found the two Churches, Shilo and Macedonia, in a cold and scattered condition. The Lord has blessed his labors. Shilo Church has become more united, the congregation increased and one added by baptism. Macedonia is much revived, having had eleven added by baptism. Bro. Howel reports twenty-nine days labor with the two Churches, with nights. Bro. Thomas reports twelve days labor, having preached fourteen sermons and baptised four persons.

NOTE.—The Shilo Church paid Bro. Howel $4 50.

The Association elected an Executive Board, consisting of five Brethren, viz: B. Jackson, H. C. Jones, R. M. Borum, G. C. Thomason and J. N. Davis, who consented to serve.

EDUCATION.

Your Committee report—

That we concur in placing this subject before our brethren, as one of vital importance to us as a church, and to the perpetuation of our liberties as a free people. How necessary, then, that the minds of the young and rising generation be so instructed—their minds so cultivated, as that they may be able to comprehend all subjects connected with their present prosperity as a free people, and their future happiness as immortal beings. Brethren, if we would perpetuate our free institutions we must educate our sons and daughters; and if we would extend the Kingdom of our blessed Savior, and overcome *error* and *tradition*, we must train the minds of the young, so that they may be able to discriminate between truth and error. And how all important that our ministry be educated, fully prepared by such a course of training, as shall enable them to meet and combat error at every point. While we are ready to admit that the Bible is the great School Book, and that to become efficient, our ministry must study this to show themselves approved of God, rightly divining the word of truth; and while it is true that many of our most efficient men have grown up to manhood, and entered upon the work of the ministry without an education, yet those men are not ignorant. They have educated themselves, and while so doing, have labored under many disadvantages which might have been removed, if our brethren had aided them while preparing themselves for the successful prosecution of the great work.

Brethren, your committee would advise you to build up literary schools in your midst, paying strict attention to the education of your children. We would recommend the great advantages your daughters would have in the Mary Washington College, at Pontotoc. For your sons, we would recommend the Male College at Clinton, Miss., and the Male College at Murfreesborough, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. JAISON, Chairman.

DOCUMENTS.

Union meeting of the first District to be held with the Unity Church, Friday before the 3rd Sunday in July, 1857; Elder S. Moore to preach the Introductory sermon—subject, Feet Washing: brother William C. Thomas, alternate.

Essays.—Elder William Hood, on Communion.
Elder William C. Thomas, on Duties of Deacons.
Elder S. Moore, on the relative duties of Pastor and Church.
Brother C. W. Taylor, on the propriety of brother going to law with brother; and if so, how?
Elder J. M. Herrin, on Ministerial Gifts.

Union meeting of the second District to be held with the Pleasant Valley church, Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1857; Elder

William J. Thomas to preach the first sermon, Elder G. D. Russell, alternate.

Essays.—Elder William J. Thomas, on Feet Washing.
Elder T. Howell, on relative duties of Pastor and Church.
H. C. Jones, on duties of church members to each other.
B. Jackson, on relative duties of Parents and Children.
Elder William Young, Duties of Masters to their Servants.
Elder J. J. Andrews, Benefits of Union Meetings.
Elder G. D. Russell, on Election.
Wm. D. Thomason, To what extent should Ministers engage in Politics.
Elder R. Rice, on the Atonement.
A. L. Eaves, on the Call to the Ministry.
Elder A. L. Stovall, the Benefits of Sunday Schools.
J. R. O. Word, on Redemption.
Elder L. G. W. Mallett, on Faith.
A. Jones, on Ministerial Gifts.
H. W. Jackson, on the importance of young church members attending punctually their Conference Meetings.

Brethren Elders W. L. Stack, M. Ball, and L. Ball, coming in, were invited to seats, who accepted.

Resolved, That the 12th Article of the Constitution be so altered, as to dispense with the missionary sermon.

Resolved, That the Abstract of Principles, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum be published in the present Minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Received from the churches to pay for Minutes,		$38 70
For Domestic Mission from Hopewell church,		20 00
From Center Rill church,		35 00
" Boguefala church,		25 00
" Macedonia church,		9 25
" Hickory Grove church,		20 00
" Pleasant Valley church,		10 00
" Poplar Spring church,		10 00
" Rome church,		10 00
		$177 50
Amount paid by brother A. M. Sowell,	$2 50	
" " " " A. C. Tatum,	2 00	
" " " " J. C. Gilstrop,	5 00	
" " " " John Files,	2 00	
" " " " J. R. Jamison,	1 00	
" " " " J. Ratliff,	3 00	
" " " " J. M. Herrin,	1 00	
" " " " A. L. Eaves,	2 50	
" " " " G. C. Johnson,	2 00	
" " " Sister Mary Tatum,	1 50	
" " " " N. J. Thomas,	1 00	
" " " " E. J. Borum,	2 00	$25 50
		$203 45

R. M. BORUM, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. D. Thomason in account with the Judson Association:

1856.	Cash on hand at close of the Association, 1855.....	$156 32
"	Collected on Sunday, Sept. 14th, 1856,.....	28 40
"	Received from Committee on Finance,.....	203 45
"	By collection in Association for Bible Cause,.....	12 50
"	Received of Oak Hill church for Home mission,....	5 10
	By a Lady,.....	25
	Individual donations for Minutes,.....	6 50
		$412 72

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Cash paid for Minutes, 1855,.....	$41 50	
May 10, 1856, sent to Indian Mission Board,.....	25 00	
" " To Foreign " "	8 00	
Sept. 1856, Paid Executive Board for T. Howel,..	37 10	
" " " " " W. C. Thomas,	20 00	—131 60
Cash on hand;.....		$281 12

W. D. THOMASON, Treasurer.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The great object of Sunday schools is the study of the revealed word of God. A great object, indeed! As a means of grace it is second only to the preached Gospel. Upon examination of the history of Sunday schools, we find that a goodly number of the members of the church of Christ, date their convictions to the Sabbath school, and even some of our most eminent ministers have there been made partakers of the grace of God. With these facts presented to our minds, ought we not to give our assent and influence to the establishment of Sunday schools in our several churches and neighborhoods? Brethren, it is not enough that we barely assent, our mutual presence and efforts should be given. The prosperity of Zion, with the blessing of God, greatly depends upon the co-operation of parents in this great work. Sunday schools never prosper when parents take no lively interest in them.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us not only send our children, but go with them, and when we go, let us offer up our petitions to the ever living God that He will enlighten their minds and seal instruction to their hearts.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. TATOM, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

The subject of Temperance, within the last quarter of a century, has enlisted the attention of various classes of men; some, perhaps, with motives of ridicule, others through mere curiosity, and a third class no doubt, from honest and philanthropic feelings, have present-

ed this subject in all its moral suasion, so that in a general sense, the community have been made to feel the force of the influence of Temperance from Maine to Louisiana.

We define Temperance to be the moderate, and well regulated use of all those things that God has designed as a blessing to the human family, and the total disuse, as a beverage, of all those things which tend to vitiate perception, and lower the masses in the scale of intellectual or moral exercise. Temperance is the handmaid of Religion. To be a christian and under the influence of intemperance at the same time, is contradictory in the nature of things. Because christians are said in the scriptures, to be partakers of the Divine Nature there is a likeness between Christ and the christian. The scriptures teach us, as a common brotherhood, that we should take up our cross daily and follow the Savior, and in this, the subject of Temperance is fairly presented for our consideration. The church in herself should be a temperate body, adhering strictly to the principles of sobriety and moral rectitude. Aside from such a course, the church of Christ could not sustain her piety and exercise a saving influence upon those with whom she mingles and associates. Therefore, brethren, in view of the vast importance of Temperance in a scriptural sense, we say to fathers, have you sons that partake of the intoxicating bowl, if so they are liable to become confirmed inebriates, and bring your gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. Fathers, if possible turn your sons from habits of intoxication; abstain yourselves from every appearance of evil. Mothers, we appeal to you to aid us in saving man from the abyss of intemperance, for it is certain that your influence can effect much upon this subject; by your influence we shall be able to carry the banner of Temperance into the very defiles of inebriation, and save hundreds from ruin.

In conclusion, we would say to our daughters, you can aid us much in this great enterprise; for there is, to all intents and purposes, in female example, an influence sufficient to control the world in the principles of moral suasion.

All of which is submitted. R. Rice, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL GIFTS.

Your committee on ministerial gifts submit the following report—

The minister is God's gift to the church for her spiritual upbuilding. The preaching of the Gospel is the prime instrumentality by which the church is to be fed with the sincere milk of the word of God, thereby edified and strengthened. Without a living ministry, the church would wither and die.

Again: It is by the ministry that the church is to evangelize the world. The Savior said, "Go teach all nations," "preach the Gospel to every creature," &c. This command rests upon the church. How is she to accomplish this then, if not through her preachers? We admit that there are other subordinate means, but this is the pre-eminent one. These gifts, we must not forget, are IN the church, not OUT of it. She possesses the means by which she is to accom-

plish, under God, all he designed her to do. If what we have stated be true, how unspeakably important is it that the church seek out, nourish, and bring forth her ministerial gifts.

1. Seek out: By which we mean she is to inquire among her membership, particularly the young, to know if there is not one or more who have impressions to preach. One of the evidences of a call to this work, is a burning desire to engage in it. Another is, aptness to teach, by which we understand the Apostle to mean, the power of communicating the truth. Of the former, the individual himself is the sole judge. The church is to decide upon the latter. It is not the duty of every one who has the impression, to preach. Upon this point the church should be exceedingly cautious. One may have the desire but not the requisite qualifications. These must be blended in the same person.

It is to be feared some have brought themselves OUT who are not qualified for the great work. While others, who had the desire and possessed the qualification, but who were modest and unassuming, have been, through the neglect of the church, driven from the ministry, and their influence lost to the cause of Christ. It may be said God will call and qualify his own ministers. So he will. But how? Either miraculously or through the use of means. Will God, by an audible voice call, and by a direct interposition of his power, qualify the preacher of the Gospel? No! How then is this done? We answer, God leads the individual to the work by the impressions of his spirit, and qualifies him by the use of means which are lodged in the church. Our duty, then, brethren, is plain. We are to look out the gift, the minister, and, under God, to prepare him for the great work.

First, by educating them, not TO MAKE THEM PREACHERS but because they ARE PREACHERS. Send your young ministers to College, if you can. If you cannot do this, liberate their hands that they may give themselves to reading and study. Much may be accomplished ontside of a school, if the church and minister will do their duty. Encourage them to commence a regular course of study, that they may acquire, at least, a knowledge of the elementary branches of an English education. How many of our ministers are destitute of a knowledge of these? We do not say this to reflect upon any one, but we mention it to show that the churches are much at fault. Those ministers who could not enter College, have been too much neglected. These things have not been brought before them and impressed upon their minds. We should buy for them, if they are not able, good books, both literary and theological, and they ought to read and study them, that thereby they may avail themselves of the labors of the learned and pious who have gone before. I remark again, that all this may be accomplished at home—around one's own fireside. It will doubtless take a longer time, than it would in College, but the same end can be attained, which is a well trained mind, that is so very necessary to the minister of the Gospel. It is our duty brethren to offer the facilities, and the preacher's to accept and use hem. And the man who is too indolent to labor to improve his

mind, so that he may become useful, ought not to be encouraged in the work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. D. RUSSELL, Chairman.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF THE BLACKS.

Your committee have taken this subject under consideration, and our hearts are grieved to see that part of our population so much neglected in regard to religious instruction. They grow up among us without any regular form of Scripture teaching. Our Church houses being, in general, too small to receive them, they stand around the doors and windows, exposed to all the inclement elements, exhibiting, on many occasions, such anxious countenances as must enlist all the sympathies of a christian heart. Their distance from teaching, uncomfortable situations, and neglected condition, are calculated to produce indifference, irregular attention and unbelief.

Let us, dear brethren, remember the commission which we have received, in confidence, from the Savior. He said "preach the gospel to every creature." How are we preaching the gospel to our servants, when our deportment towards them necessarily creates unbelief in them? It is through reason and truth that God will convert them, if they are ever converted. How must they reason in reference to our conduct? They go at our bidding, they come at our call, they till our lands, they do all our menial service, make us capital, and are yet not provided with a regular system of religious instruction, nor even a place in our Church-houses that they may call their own. How must they reason in view of all these things, when we point them to the love of the adorable Savior, and ourselves the subjects and examples of His love? Brethren these things ought not so to be.

The Lord in confidence gave the Gospel to his people in trust, and will require, at their hands, a strict account. Let us, therefore, dear brethren, in love to our Savior, and the souls of our servants, labor constantly for their salvation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. MOORE, Chairman.

REPORT ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Indian Missions beg leave to report:

That there is no mission for which we should feel a deeper interest than for the Indian. When we consider the peculiar relationship we sustain to them, knowing that this happy land, which we occupy, was once their abode, should we not, therefore, be deeply enlisted in in their behalf? Ought we not to send them the word of life, and along with it a living ministry to expound this word to them? Your committee believe that we, as the Church of Christ, ("which

is the pillar and ground of truth,") are under the strongest obligations to send them the Gospel of the Son of God. They should share largely of our contributions, and we should accompany the same by our prayers, that God would save them with an everlasting salvation. Brethren, the Macedonian cry is heard from almost every tribe in the far West. Shall we, whose hearts burn with the love of God, deny them the means which God has placed in our hands for their salvation? Surely not.

Your committee have heard that God has blessed the labors of our Missionaries among the Red men of the forest. Many of them have embraced the truth as it is in Christ, and have been added to the Church. For which let us thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted.

G. C. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Next Association to be held with the Bogfalaw Church, near Moorsville, Ittawamba county, Mississippi, Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1857; Elder S. Moore to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder William Young, alternate.

Resolved, That we recommend the members of the Churches of this Association, to take the "Tennessee Baptist," and read it attentively, as we believe it to be an able expositor of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Baptist generally, the "Iron Wheel," by J. R. Graves, Theodocia Earnest, and Orchard's Church History, as being worthy of our faithful perusal.

Resolved, That hereafter all Missionary funds be paid directly to the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be hereby tendered to the Moderator and Clerk, for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the brethren and friends of Oak Hill neighborhood for their kindness and hospitality.

After reading the minutes, the brethren marched to the stand, and united in singing that precious hymn—"How firm a foundation," &c., took the parting hand, united in prayer, and were dismissed.

A. L. STOVALL, Moderator.

WM. D. THOMASON, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Districts.	POST-OFFICE.	Days of Meeting.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS:	Number Baptized	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored	Dis'd. by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Blacks	Males	Females	Total No.	
Hopewell	1	Richmond	1	Sunday	Wm. C. Thomas, [O.] T. M. Carruthers, R. M. Borum	5	8	..	9	..	..	19	..	..	90	6
Centre Hill		Richmond	4	do	S. Moore, [O.] C. A. Marshall, R. E. Fowler	..	..	..	7	8	..	4	80	86	68	
Bogfalaw		Mooresville	3	do	G. M. Phillips, A. C. Tatom, E. Shuffield	4	13	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	57	
Montackee Creek		Fulton	2	do	E. F. Jackson, S. Reeves, J. R. Jamison	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Macedonia		Princeville	3	do	J. Long, H. Studevant, L. Long	11	4	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	99	
Shilo		Ozark	1	do	W. F. Livingston, E. Stockton	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	16	11	27	
Unity		Camelton	4	do	J. M. Herris, [L.] R. Johnson	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	17	
	2					5	10	..	5	1	..	..	16	30	46	
Hickory Grove		Harrisburg	1	do	A. L. Stovall, [O.] G. D. Russell, [O.] W. D. Thomason	4	7	..	6	5	3	26	..	..	117	
Hepsibah		Camargo		do	Not Represented.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Pleasant Valley		Chesterville	3	do	Thos. Shelton, S. M. Robinson, C. Ward	..	5	..	6	..	..	6	21	32	53	
Oak Hill		Pontotoc	3	do	Wm. Young, [O.] A. Jones, R. Pitts	..	5	..	1	2	2	5	40	58	97	
Poplar Springs		Poplar Springs	1	do	J. J. Andrews, [O.] J. Owen, J. F. Potter	12	..	..	2	2	1	..	34	57	91	
Uchetubba		Saltillo	4	do	T. Howel, [O.] Wm. J. Thomas, [O.] A. L. Eaves	9	15	1	7	2	..	8	42	63	105	
Pilgrims' Rest		Town Creek	4	do	S. Gentry, D. Brown, W. Wright	..	8	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	
Room		Carrolton	2	do	R. Rice, [O.] C. Benson, J. Carlton	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	30	
Canaan		Pontotoc	1	do	G. C. Johnson, [O.] E. F. Butler, M. Box	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	10	9	19	
						59	79	1	60	15	9	68	209	293	947	6

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Licensed Ministers marked ..... [L.]